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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 57/2 of 16 September 2002 on the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development,

Recalling also its resolution 57/7 of 4 November 2002 on the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development,

Recalling further resolution 57/297 of 20 December 2002 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the New Partnership for Africa's Development: first consolidated report on progress in implementation and international support,[1]

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Takes note* of the progress made in the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and of international support for the Partnership;

3. *Calls upon* Member States to enhance their support for the implementation of the New Partnership, and notes that much remains to be done to achieve its objectives and priorities;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the efforts made by African countries to deepen democracy and good governance by developing and strengthening institutions for governance and development in the region;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/58/254.

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5. *Welcomes* the efforts of African countries in the management and resolution of conflicts in the region;

6. *Welcomes also* the progress in the establishment by the African Union of the African Peer Review Mechanism and the African Peer Review Mechanism Panel, the primary purpose of which is to foster the adoption of policies, standards and practices that lead to political stability, high economic growth, sustainable development and accelerated subregional and continental economic integration through the sharing of experience and the reinforcement of successful and best practices, including identifying deficiencies and assessing the needs for capacity-building;

7. *Welcomes further* the progress in the development of programmes in the areas of agricultural development, environment and infrastructure development, as well as the ongoing work in the areas of health and education and science and technology;

8. *Welcomes* the adoption of the Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Corruption by the African Union in Maputo, Mozambique, on 12 July 2003;[2]

9. *Encourages* African countries to take further concrete steps to deepen the process of integrating the priorities of the New Partnership into their national development plans and frameworks, to mobilize public and political support for the Partnership, to develop sound programmes in the designated priority areas of the Partnership, as well as to allocate adequate funding for such priority areas;

10. *Emphasizes* that regional economic communities are effective vehicles for the development and integration of the African continent, and in this regard calls for the strengthening of their role in the implementation of programmes and projects of the New Partnership at the subregional level;

11. *Encourages* the further integration of the priorities and objectives of the New Partnership into the programmes of the regional structures and organizations, as well as programmes in favour of the African least developed countries;

12. *Calls upon* African countries to promote the development and strengthening of their domestic private sector and to facilitate its effective involvement in the growth and development of African economies;

13. *Welcomes* the pledges of increased official development assistance made by many of the development partners, and urges that they take steps to disburse the pledges;

14. *Notes with satisfaction* that some developed countries have untied their official development assistance, and encourages countries that have not yet done so to untie their aid;

15. *Calls upon* the developed countries to bring coherence in their trade and aid policies towards Africa;

16. *Stresses* the need for the developed countries to enhance their support for the trust fund for the heavily indebted poor countries initiative so as to enable more

[2] See Assembly of the African Union, Second Ordinary Session, Maputo, Mozambique, 10-12 July 2003 (Assembly/AU/Dec.6-31 (II)), decision Assembly/AU/Dec.27 (II).

eligible heavily indebted poor countries to benefit from debt relief under the initiative, and also stresses the need to make debt relief to these countries sustainable through a realistic assessment of the export earnings and government revenues of the countries concerned;

17. *Stresses also* the need to find a durable solution to the problems of external indebtedness of heavily indebted poor countries in Africa, including through debt cancellation and other arrangements, and in this regard also stresses the need to explore innovative mechanisms to comprehensively address the debt problem of low and middle-income African countries, bearing in mind that external debt relief can release resources that may be utilized in the successful implementation of the New Partnership, taking into account initiatives that have been taken to reduce outstanding indebtedness and the need to pursue debt relief measures vigorously and expeditiously, including within the context of the Paris Club, the London Club and other relevant forums;

18. *Encourages* developed countries to support the promotion of private investment from their countries into African countries, in particular in the key productive sectors of the economy, and to provide investment guarantees for such investment;

19. *Underlines* the need to take concrete steps to implement existing frameworks/programmes of South-South cooperation, including, inter alia, through triangular cooperation in support of the New Partnership;

20. *Notes* the growing collaboration among the entities of the United Nations system in support of the New Partnership, and requests the Secretary-General to promote greater coherence in the work of the United Nations system in support of the Partnership, based on the agreed clusters;

21. *Also notes* that the entities of the United Nations system have been actively using the regional consultations mechanism as a vehicle for fostering collaboration and coordination at the regional level, and encourages them to intensify their efforts in developing and implementing joint programmes in support of the New Partnership at the regional level;

22. *Requests* the United Nations system to continue to provide assistance to the secretariat for the New Partnership and to African countries in developing projects and programmes within the scope of the priorities of the Partnership;

23. *Welcomes* the creation of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, and requests the Secretary-General to take measures to strengthen the Office to enable it to effectively fulfil its mandate;

24. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly.